

HOUSE BILL 390

By Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7 and Title 65, relative to utilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 32, is amended by deleting the chapter and substituting the following:

65-32-101. Short title.

This chapter is known and may be cited as the "Utilities' Cut-Off Procedures Act."

65-32-102. Chapter definitions.

As used in this chapter, "utility" means a utility that:

- (1) Furnishes electricity, gas, or water; or
- (2) Converts solid waste into heat, fuel, or energy.

65-32-103. Prohibition against disconnecting service on certain days.

A utility governing body shall not discontinue service on:

- (1) A day on which reconnections cannot take place within twenty-four (24) hours of a disconnection; or
- (2) The day preceding, or following, a legal holiday, as defined in § 15-1-

101.

65-32-104. Policy governing discontinuation of service for nonpayment of service.

The utility governing body, in conjunction with the utility management team, shall establish a policy governing the discontinuation of service for nonpayment of service.

The policy must be in compliance with service practice standards and best practices for similarly situated utilities and with § 65-32-104.

SECTION 2. The headings to sections in this act are for reference purposes only and do not constitute a part of the law enacted by this act. However, the Tennessee Code Commission is requested to include the headings in any compilation or publication containing this act.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.